

# Tele-Visions

BY THORTON KANE

HOW COME? Why don't we see anything new and different on TV? As a disgruntled viewer who has asked that question about twice a week for the past five or six years, we were forced to accept a flat answer last week. That answer is in the three-month ratings published by all the national rating services.

"Candid Camera" is the hit of the season, with ratings hovering around the 35% mark for nearly every show. Another newcomer that has gone over the top is "The Andy Griffith Show." We mean no discredit to these shows—both are excellent entertainment.

What is significant is that "Candid Camera" is one of the first shows ever seen on TV and dates back to the earliest days of the industry. "The Andy Griffith Show" has not been on before, but it is a familiar kind of show in the pattern of "The Real McCoys."

Other top-rated shows were "Gunsmoke," "The Untouchables," "Ed Sullivan," "Danny Thomas" and so forth.

Among the new ventures this year, "Family Classics" is to be cancelled, Jackie Gleason leaves the air in May, "Show of the Month" will not be renewed next year, and "Peter Loves Mary" and "My Sister Eileen" are considered to be the outstanding flops of the season.

It's painfully evident why producers are notoriously adverse to new shows. Only die-hards like ourselves can continue to hope for better and more varied shows. It's not impossible for a new show to be a hit; all of us remember when "The Untouchables" started.

In viewing the ratings, we have become convinced that the problem of new shows stems from an inability to distinguish what is new and good from what is merely new.

A bad show will not survive more than one or two viewings before it is rejected. But, neither will a good new show fail to prove itself, granted that it is given enough time. New ideas in television will be welcomed. They must be real ideas, though, and not the uninspired trivia that has marked this year's series.

**WELL, WHADDYA KNOW**—TV's Gardner McKay is set for his movie debut in "The Right Approach"—let's hope this one is... Desl Arnaz is planning a series based on Jack London stories... Nick Adams is 'adamant about doing a movie during his three-month TV layoff. He's seen those profits rise for some of his fellow-outer-stars... "National Velvet's" big sister, Carole Wells, is a chirper. She'll lend her soprano talents to the March 12 March of Dimes show... Reed Morgan of "The Deputy" will shed his eye patch in the upcoming episode, "Chances Li Femme." With a title like that, he'll need both eyes open... Newest format out is on a show titled "Portofino." It's all about a young widow who operates a Mediterranean hotel—aided by three buddies of her late husband. How was that you said he died, fellows?

# 'Bochner Real Lover in 'Hong Kong'

## Channel 9 to Air First Angel Game March 11

KHJ-TV viewers will get a double opportunity to watch the newest Los Angeles entry into the professional ranks—the Los Angeles Angels—on Saturday, March 11.

KHJ-TV, which will telecast 26 Los Angeles baseball games during the 1961 season with the first one going from Palm Springs, Saturday, March 11, at 1:30 p.m., will replay the complete game via video tape recording at 12 midnight.

All of the 26 games to be telecast live by KHJ-TV will be replayed that same evening at 12 midnight via video tape recordings.

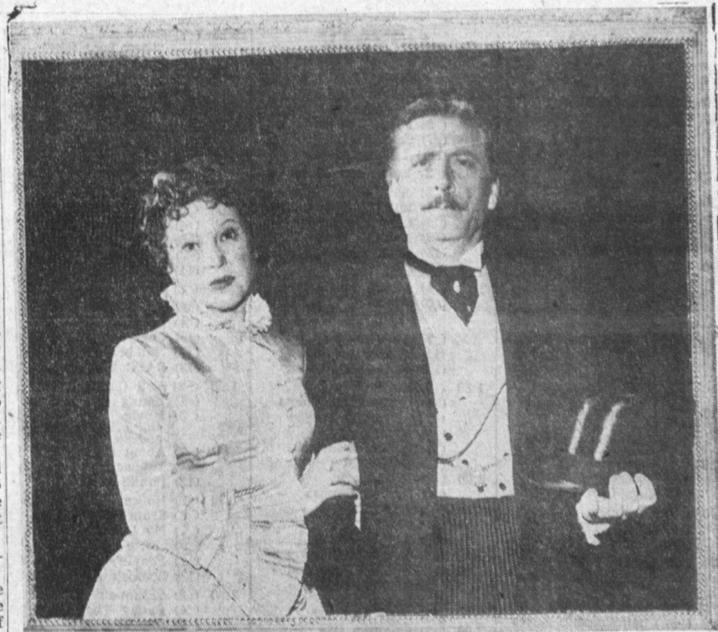
## KABC's Englishman Wows Tract Wives

BY JOHN BARRY  
Press TV Editor

This is not one of those "he was born here, went to school at such and such a place, etc." pieces so prevalent in television magazines today. It's rather a story inspired by the person who shares my name in a tract house in suburbia Los Angeles. When "Hong Kong" (Channel 7's attempt to buck the highly rated

"Wagon Train" series on NBC, 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays) entered the tubes last fall adoring glances of the spouse were directed away from her ever-lovin' to a tall, cleanly shaven, slick-haired, pistol-carrying, British Chief Inspector with the real name of Lloyd Bochner.

In November of '60 my wife's adoration for Bochner reached such extremes I did not dare smoke a cigarette



OLD FASHIONED? Lurene Tuttle and Leon Ames portray Mother and Father Day, stars of the comedy series, "Life with Father," debuting Monday, Feb. 27, 8 p.m., on KTTV.



LLOYD BOCHNER is stunned as he listens to report that a lovely lass has disappeared.

for fear the smokey haze in the room would obstruct the clear vision of the screen. Naturally I rebelled, cursing that fool Englishman, under my breath, of course. After last Wednesday's episode of HK I asked the dearly beloved (courage took a long time in coming): "What's so wonderful about that guy, I thought Rod Taylor was the star of the show?"

"So what, I prefer Lloyd (first names yet). He's so masculine handsome in the cleanest sort of a way and yet he's so official."

"Whadda you mean 'official'?" I blurted.

"Every woman likes a take charge kind of guy. Maybe Lloyd isn't the same off screen as he is on but who cares. In the role of the Chief Inspector of Hong Kong police he's perfectly cast."

"If I were a woman (ye Gods, perish the thought) I'd go for Taylor. After all he's debonair, has a striking resemblance to the young Gary Grant of years ago, a colorful foreign correspondent who makes out with all the beautiful girls on the show."

"That's the trouble with you men you never know what women really admire in your species. Bochner is competent. He is the image of security. And honey, I don't have to tell you how secure I feel when you're bringing in the money."

"Let's forget about my miserable pittance. So I gather that Bochner is carrying the show, in your opinion?"

Next week I start watching "Hong Kong" with added interest. After all the gals are stacked a hell-of-a-lot better than stateside. And that includes the "dashing" Bochner!

## 'MR. NESS' STARS AS REPORTER

Robert Stack, Mr. Ness to followers of the "Untouchables," stars as Barry Conovan, ambitious newspaper reporter in 1865 who is sent to cover the causes of unrest in the state of Texas, in a Channel 4 movie "Men of Texas" viewed Tuesday at 4:15 p.m.

### HANDSOME

The plank-and-beam, exposed wood ceiling so popular in many homes is prized for its decorative value. This is especially true when such handsome woods as Douglas fir or west coast hemlock are used.

**CHILDREN, TOO**  
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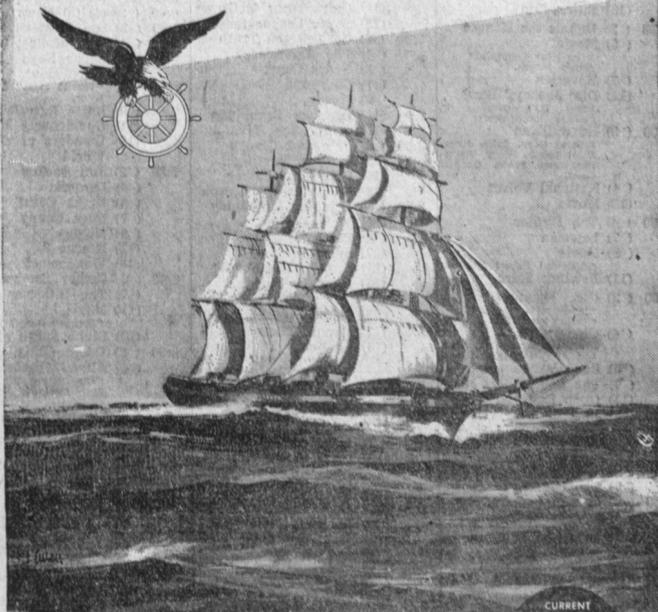
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